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## **FEDERAL PROSECUTOR RECEIVES NATIONAL AWARD**

Madison, Wisconsin -- Assistant U.S. Attorney John W. Vaudreuil, who serves as Chief of the Criminal Division in the United States Attorney's Office for the Western District of Wisconsin, was honored today by the U.S. Department of Justice at an awards ceremony in Washington, D.C. The Justice Department held its 22nd annual Executive Office for United States Attorneys Director's Awards Ceremony, during which 123 award recipients were recognized for their excellence in law enforcement. Recipients included Assistant United States Attorneys, litigation and information technology support personnel, and others who have made outstanding contributions in federal, state, and local law enforcement.

Vaudreuil was recognized for his contributions to the mission of the Justice Department through teaching courses in evidence, prosecution skills, and trial advocacy to federal prosecutors.

"Today we honor some of our best and brightest, some of our most talented and most dedicated," said Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales. "The men and women we honor today work tirelessly to protect the American people and to safeguard the promise of justice made to every generation. Their efforts are vital to the Justice

Department, and to our nation, and I thank them for their service and the sacrifices they make every day."

United States Attorney Stephen P. Sinnott said, "Over the past 25 years, a lot of people in Wisconsin have come to know and respect John for his great work as a federal prosecutor in Madison. Now, with this award, John is also nationally-recognized by the Department of Justice for his excellence as a teacher of prosecutors throughout the country. There are plenty of great trial lawyers. And there are also lots of great teachers. But very few achieve excellence both as a trial lawyer AND as a teacher. John is in that elite group. Our office is very proud of him."

Vaudreuil, a 1979 graduate of the University of Wisconsin Law School and a native of Rice Lake, Wisconsin, has been an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin since 1980. He previously received a Director's Award in 1997, for superior performance for prosecuting a drug conspiracy case involving two brutal murders. He serves as a lecturer for the University of Wisconsin Law School, teaching evidence and trial advocacy to second and third-year law students. He has also taught courses in evidence and trial skills to prosecutors and judges in Albania, the Czech Republic, Qatar, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Macedonia, and Uzbekistan. In March 2004, he was named a fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers.

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